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1. MOST FRENCH RAIL UNIONS, INCLUDING FO AND THE AUTONOMOUS ENGINEERS UNION, HAVE SERVED FORMAL NOTICE OF THEIR INTENTION TO STRIKE THE STATE RAILWAYS FROM 4 A.M. THURSDAY, APRIL 28, THROUGH 6 A.M. SATURDAY, APRIL 30. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT DUE TO THE PARTICIPATION OF THE ENGINEERS THE STRIKE WILL BE TOTALLY EFFECTIVE.

2. NOMINALLY THE TRAIN WALKOUT IS UNRELATED TO THE CGT AND CFDT CALL FOR A NATIONAL 24-HOUR STRIKE IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR ON APRIL 28. THE STATED REASONS FOR THE RAILWAY STOPPAGE ARE TO EXPRESS THE UNIONS' CONCERN FIRST OVER OPERATIONAL MATTERS AND, ONLY, SECOND, OVER THE STALLED CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS. THE TIMING OF THE STRIKE, HOWEVER, IS HARDLY COINCIDENTAL.

3. THIS DEVELOPMENT COINCIDES WITH A FEW LOCAL AND TACTICALLY NECESSARY AGREEMENTS AMONGST FO, CGC AND
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CFTC UNIONS TO JOIN WITH THE CFDT AND CGT IN LOCAL STRIKES ON APRIL 28. LIKE THE RAILWAY WALKOUT, THESE LOCAL AGREEMENTS ALSO RETAIN THE FIG LEAF OF BEING UNRELATED (AT LEAST ON PAPER) TO THE OVERALL STRIKE CALL. ON THE NATIONAL LEVEL, HOWEVER, THE FO AND CFTC CIVIL SERVICE FEDERATIONS HAVE CALLED UPON THEIR MEMBERSHIPS NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE

APRIL 28 STRIKE, AND THE FEN (TEACHERS) HEADQUARTERS
IS RESISTING PERSISTENT PUBLIC PRESSURE FROM THE CGT
TO REVERSE ITSELF AND JOIN THE STRIKE.
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